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Report of the Overseer of the Poor.

Dr.

To Cash received from the County	$619 05
" " " Town Treasurer	782 37
	$1,401 42

COUNTY PAUPERS.

Cr.

By payments as follows:

L. D. Webber	$43 58	
Mrs. S. Higgins	269 79	
Bartholomew Ryan	120 08	
Thomas Foster	24 00	
James A. Hunton	24 72	
David Hopkins	13 75	
Lucy Peon	10 00	
J. A. W. Damon	4 12	
		$510 04

PAUPERS CHARGEABLE TO THE TOWN.

Paid as follows:

Mrs. J. Hanrahan	$135 90	
Mrs. R. Crombie	104 00	
Mrs. D. McCarty	116 27	
Charles O'Connor	130 00	
Thomas Williams	109 75	
Edmund Green	104 00	
George W. Royleigh	93 00	
Samuel Goss	42 75	
Transient persons	5 71	
		$841 38
Overseer's services		50 00
		$1,401 42

Respectfully submitted,

S. C. COBURN, *Overseer of the Poor.*

We have examined the foregoing account and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

February 28, 1887.

J. E. BRUCE, F. W. SAWYER, } *Auditors.*

Report of the Selectmen.

REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS.

Districts Nos. 1 and 9.

John F. Grafton's bill	$705 15	
" " road machine	95 00	
Moses French's bill	259 07	
W. L. Winslow's bill	17 72	
J. A. Mixer's bill	1 78	
Hervey Putnam's bill	2 50	
Thomas Mullen's bill	5 10	
E. L. Blodgett's bill	3 50	
H. W. Clapp & Co., inlet caps	27 50	
N. & L. R. R., freight	93	
		$1,118 25

District No. 2.

George A. Raymond's bill	$27 05	
William R. Howard's bill	26 25	
Nathaniel Pierce's bill, 1885	17 00	
Road machine	40 00	
		$110 30

District No. 3.

William Jones' bill	$596 14	
C. A. Jenkins' bill	14 15	
Road machine	10 00	
		$620 29

District No. 4.

Charles L. Kendall's bill	$51 80	
Road machine	10 00	
		$61 80

District No. 5.

Charles A. Hutchinson's bill	$53 62	
John B. Burtt's bill, 1885	44 30	
Road machine	20 00	
		$117 92

District No. 6.

Henry J. Wilson's bill	$27 83	
Road machine	30 00	
		$57 83

District No. 7.

William P. Colburn's bill	$57 35	
Noah D. Wright's bill, 1885	8 12	
Road machine	30 00	
		$95 47

BREAKING ROADS.

Districts Nos. 1 and 9.

John F. Grafton's bill	$44 12	
Henry S. Gilson's bill	23 64	
Moses French's bill	51 49	
F. W. Sargent's bill	3 40	
		$122 65

District No. 2.

George A. Raymond's bill	$17 45	
W. R. Howard's bill	12 25	
		$29 70

District No. 3.

William Jones' bill	$29 90

District No. 4.

Charles L. Kendall's bill	$22 38

District No. 5.

Charles A. Hutchinson's bill	$12 98

District No. 6.

H. J. Wilson's bill	$12 90

District No. 7.

Wm. P. Colburn's bill	$20 59
	$251 10

BRIDGE ACCOUNT.

Stoddard Lumber Co.'s bill	$184 00	
Joseph Crosby, for shingles	38 50	
J. C. Boutelle's bill	29 38	
Dow & Gutterson, for plank	65 44	
" " for labor	22 50	
B. & L. R. R., freight on lumber	21 00	
J. H. Whitfield, drawing plank	3 50	
D. S. Burnham, for nails	7 25	
		$371 57

SIDEWALKS.

J. B. Melendy's bill	$617 09	
J. A. Twitchell's bill	44 92	
J. Grafton's bill	153 80	
N. Perham's bill	49 00	
		$864 81

WATERING TUBS.

Edward Butler	$3 00	
Samuel B. Cotton	3 00	
George B. Kent, for 1885 and 1886	6 00	
George W. Duncklee, " "	6 00	
Nathan Merrill	3 00	
George Hartshorn	3 00	
Timothy Holland	3 00	
C. A. Webster	3 00	
Mrs. L. M. Jewett	3 00	
D. W. Sargent	3 00	
C. P. Colby	3 00	
George M. Nelson	3 00	
C. H. V. Smith	3 00	
		$45 00

LIGHTING STREETS.

Frank R. Hood, lighting	$35 60	
Elmer M. French, "	35 94	
John C. Hadlock, "	28 45	
Thomas Ryan, "	1 00	
John Towne, "	2 00	
Frank Z. Smith, "	1 00	
Harry P. Gray, "	3 30	
C. P. Casey, "	3 38	
Lyford & Kendall, supplies	2 10	
J. E. Bruce, "	26 90	
J. A. Mixer, repairs	7 15	
A. N. Clapp & Co., kerosene oil	62 53	
B. & L. R. R., freight	65	
Globe Gas Light Co., lamps	7 75	
Freight on lamps	25	
J. A. Ober & Co., lamp chimneys	50	
		$218 50

SUPPLIES FOR TOWN HOUSE.

W. H. Wilson, one set of pipe tools	$25 00	
F. Hartshorn, for wood	4 00	
Gilbert & Barker, for gasoline	225 16	
B. &. L. R. R., freight on gasoline, and John E. Union, carting	23 07	
B. R. Came, for coal	325 74	
J. E. Bruce, for brooms	60	
J. A. Wheeler, pitcher	65	
E. J. Burns' bill, supplies	24 53	
		$628 75

JANITOR OF TOWN HOUSE.

E. J. Burns, services as janitor		$344 20

REPAIRS ON TOWN HOUSE.

Cross & Tolles, flooring	$80 00	
Freight on flooring	2 75	
H. S. Gilson, lumber and labor	1 85	
D. S. Burnham, hardware	10 32	
Nashua Slating Co.'s bill	72 38	
P. F. O'Neil, repairing chimneys	46 20	
W. L. Winslow's bill	16 54	
J. A. Mixer's bill	13 35	
A. E. Gay's bill	1 89	
J. W. Hamblett, labor	10 00	
Abram Fifield, "	1 00	
C. L. Manning, "	1 50	
Henry Wetherbee, "	6 75	
S. S. Mixer, "	3 25	
Rodney Howard, teaming	1 00	
Geo. A. Avery & Co.'s bill	46 82	
Geo. Shannessy, labor	8 00	
John O'Neil, cleaning brick	60	
		$324 20

PRINTING.

W. W. Hemenway's bill	$52 30	
Geo. E. Foster's bill	7 75	
		$60 05

SEWERS.

A. E. Gay, Akron pipe	$228 19	
H. W. Clapp & Co., sewer traps and caps	18 40	
B. & L. R. R., freight	2 77	
James Frost, labor	142 72	
William S. Brown, labor	1 30	
R. Howard, teaming	1 00	
C. E. Kendall & Co., lime and cement	7 85	
Moses French, teaming	10 72	
W. L. Winslow's bill	1 50	
N. Perham, stone and labor on sewer	37 05	
		$451 50

MISCELLANEOUS.

John McLane, water pipe and putting down the same	$252 32	
John McLane, use of force pump	58 33	
Morse, Kaley Mfg. Co., use of force pump	125 00	
R. M. Wallace, retainer fee	25 00	
" " fee in case of H. L. Robbins	5 00	
" " making deed	1 00	
C. H. Spalding & Co., repairs on road machine	4 49	
M. V. B. Green, blank books	17 91	
J. B. Sanborn, " "	10 50	
G. A. McIntire, repairs on hearse	2 15	
David Heald, fees in cases of Town *vs.* Patrick McNulty and H. L. Robbins	10 00	
John Hadlock, repairs on pump	1 00	
F. W. Ordway, team for use of the county commissioners	2 00	
Emerson & Son, table	1 75	
A. P. Frye, blacksmithing	5 15	
George E. Clark, surveying	2 50	
John Hadlock, road machine	250 00	
" " freight on road machine	9 75	
N. Boynton & Co., U. S. flag	35 00	
E. D. Towne, mowing grave yard	12 00	
J. H. Hutchinson, posting health regulations	2 31	
H. F. Richmond, survey and plan for sewer	15 00	
J. E. Webster, clock for town hall	23 00	
J. M. Laws, stationery and postage	3 01	
" " recording deaths, births, marriages, permits of burial and removal	26 40	
B. F. Foster, repairs on tomb	2 50	
S. C. Coburn, stationery and postage	1 95	
Returns of births and deaths	24 75	
Newton Perham, building river wall on land of Mrs. Fuller	15 50	
		$945 27

POLICE.

James W. Ryan	$50 00	
S. S. Mixer	50 00	
		$100 00

NIGHT WATCHMEN.

Frank Z. Smith	$351 75	
Frank C. Parker	87 75	
Frank H. Stone	4 50	
Fred F. Abbott	6 00	
C. H. Alexander	1 50	
		$451 50

TOWN OFFICERS.

F. T. Sawyer, treasurer	$75 00	
J. M. Laws, town clerk	75 00	
Jonathan Snow, collector	125 00	
S. B. Cotton, supervisor	7 50	
Isaac P. Abbott, "	7 00	
S. B. Emerson "	5 00	
A. W. Smith, moderator	10 00	
S. C. Coburn, auditor	2 00	
F. W. Sawyer, "	2 00	
B. F. Foster, sexton	160 50	
Wm. M. Knowlton, board of health	15 00	
H. S. Hutchinson, " "	20 00	
W. H. W. Hinds, " "	15 00	
S. C. Coburn, selectman	175 00	
L. B. Dow, "	140 00	
E. Stickney, "	125 00	
		$959 00

Respectfully submitted,

STEPHEN C. COBURN,
LEONARD B. DOW,
EVERETT STICKNEY,
Selectmen of Milford.

We have examined the foregoing account and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

February 28, 1887. JOHN E. BRUCE, FRED W. SAWYER, } *Auditors.*

Report of Town Treasurer.

DR.

Amount received:		
Cash on hand Feb. 28, 1886	$145 30	
Uncollected tax bills, 1884–5	508 93	
Savings bank tax	5,987 48	
Railroad tax	804 36	
Insurance tax	123 00	
Literary fund	325 12	
License, billiard and pool tables	46 50	
License and old plank	7 50	
Plank sold	1 90	
H. H. Barber, sewer	75 18	
B. Wadleigh, "	40 82	
Souhegan Nat. Bank, borrowed	8,300 00	
C. A. Wood, borrowed	4,000 00	
Wadsworth heirs cemetery fund	75 00	
Harriet Endicott estate cemetery fund	100 00	
Rents, heating and lighting town house	1,166 28	
Burial lots and use of hearse	41 00	
Interest on taxes	35 86	
Taxes assessed for 1886	20,828 87	
Taxes assessed on dogs	138 00	
		$42,751 10

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Cash paid on orders as follows:		
Highway	$2,181 86	
Breaking roads	251 10	
Bridge account	371 57	
Sidewalks	864 81	
Watering tubs	45 00	
Street lamps	218 50	
Repairs on town house	324 20	
Supplies for town house	628 75	
Janitor	344 20	
Printing	60 05	
Sewers	451 50	
Police	100 00	
Amount carried forward	$5,841 54	

Amount brought forward	$5,841 54	
Night watch	451 50	
Town officers	959 00	
Miscellaneous	945 27	
		$8,197 31

DEBT AND INTEREST.

Bonds matured and paid Oct. 1	$5,000 00	
April and October coupons	420 00	
Notes paid	8,000 00	
Interest on notes payable	540 11	
		$13,960 11
Appropriation for schools	$5,000 00	
Literary fund for schools	325 12	
Dog tax, 1885, for schools	131 00	
		5,456 12
Appropriation for free library		300 00
Appropriation for Memorial Day		100 00
Land purchased of Mrs. C. A. Wood		5,000 00
State tax	$4,040 00	
County tax	2,941 10	
		6,981 10
Fire department		1,080 58
Over-tax and abatement, 1885–6		125 27
Support of poor		782 37
Uncollected tax bills		125 56
Balance in treasury		642 68
		$42,751 10

Respectfully submitted,

F. T. SAWYER, *Treasurer.*

We have examined the above account, and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

J. E. BRUCE,
F. W. SAWYER,
Auditors.

SUMMARY.

Financial standing of the Town of Milford, March 1st, 1887:

LIABILITIES.

Notes payable March 1, 1886	$5,900 00	
Borrowed during the year	12,300 00	
		$18,200 00
Notes paid during the year		8,000 00
Total notes payable March 1, 1887		$10,200 00
Accrued interest on notes	$275 00	
Dog tax for schools	138 00	
		413 00
Cemetery funds as follows:		
Received of Wadsworth heirs	$75 00	
Received of Harriet Endicott estate	100 00	
		175 00
Total liabilities		$10,788 00

ASSETS.

Cash in the treasury	$642 68	
Due from A. K. Lewis, as per former reports,	137 18	
Due for rents, heating and lighting	532 75	
Uncollected tax bills	125 56	
		$1,438 17
Net indebtednesss March 1, 1887		$9,349 83
Net indebtedness March 1, 1886	$10,345 08	
Net indebtedness March 1, 1887	9,349 83	
Net decrease of indebtedness during the year ending February 28, 1887		$995 25

Respectfully submitted,

F. T. SAWYER, *Treasurer.*

Fire Department.

J. R. Ashton, services as steward	$10 24
A. Fifield, repairs on reservoir	2 50
American Fire Hose Mfg. Co.'s bill	12 25
C. H. Spalding & Co., repairs on hose-carriage	37 25
E. D. Huntly, labor on engines	8 37
F. M. Philbrick, " "	22 09
J. W. Cavanaugh, rubber coats	12 00
Geo. A. Avery & Co., stove, etc	4 50
W. H. Wilkins, labor for steward	1 00
Neptune Engine, No. 3, pay-roll	394 17
Souhegan Engine, No. 2, "	398 31
Hose Company, pay-roll	79 99
Geo. E. Farwell, fireward	20 00
O. H. Foster, "	20 00
F. H. Goss, "	20 00
O. H. Foster, paid for wood	3 50
Watching fire	75
D. S. Burnham, supplies	12 85
Frank Jewett, plowing	65
Frank Z. Smith, labor	17 16
Woven Hose Co., coupling	3 00
	$1,080 58

Respectfully submitted,

O. H. FOSTER,
F. H. GOSS,
GEO. C. FARWELL, } *Firewards.*

We have examined the above account and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

Milford, N. H., Feb. 28, 1887.

J. E. BRUCE,
F. W. SAWYER, } *Auditors.*

Report of Firewards.

The firewards submit the following report of the condition of the fire department of Milford, for the year ending Feb. 28, 1887. The companies are as follows:

Souhegan Engine Company, 40 men.
Neptune Engine Company, 40 men.
Hose Company, 8 men.

APPARATUS.

Souhegan Engine No. 2, in good order and fully equipped.
Neptune Engine No. 3, in good order and fully equipped.
Hose Carriage No. 1, in good order and fully equipped.
Old No. 1 Engine and one chemical engine are not used, and ought to be sold.

The firewards would recommend the purchase of five hundred feet of new hose.

O. H. FOSTER,
F. H. GOSS,
GEO. C. FARWELL,
Firewards.

Report of the Board of Health.

The Board of Health having been duly qualified, entered upon the performance of their duties and submit the following report of the work of the year just ended.

As no regular series of health rules had ever been published, it was thought best to adopt such a series, not only for the instruction which they might furnish in regard to the avoidance of nuisances and diseases of various kinds, but also to serve as a basis upon which active measures might be taken for the abatement and restraint of both.

A set of rules was therefore formulated, and, after being approved and recorded, was printed and distributed as carefully and widely as circumstances appeared to demand.

On complaint being made of the existence of any nuisance, the locality thereof was visited as soon as possible by a majority of the members of the Board, and the extent and nature of the trouble carefully determined. Violations of the rules were then brought to the notice of the party concerned, either by letter or a personal interview, and a request made for the immediate removal of the offence.

A large number of such notices have been served during the year. In a majority of these cases the simple notice was sufficient, and measures were promptly taken to correct the cause of complaint.

That ancient and mal-odorous source of discomfort and complaint—The Tannery Ditch—was investigated. An examination of the different means of disposing of the waste from the tannery, resulted in the opinion that a suitably arranged sewer would accomplish the work most satisfactorily. Mr. H. F. Richmond, city engineer of Nashua, was employed to make the required surveys and estimates of cost

of construction. This was accomplished, and a neatly executed plan of the proposed sewer, as well as estimates of the cost of building, were shortly after furnished. The survey was made on a line extending from a point of a bank wall, situated near the northeast corner of the tannery building, to the "grating" in the present tannery ditch between the furniture warehouse of Mr. S. B. Emerson and the adjacent building; thence across the highway, and between the shops occupied by Messrs. E. Finerty and A. P. Frye, and to the deep water in the bend of the river immediately in the rear of the last mentioned buildings. The distance between these extremes was found to be about seven hundred feet, and a sufficiently sharp grade between the points of entrance to and exit from the sewer guaranteed to insure rapid and complete discharge. The expense of construction, including first-class (Akron) eight-inch drain pipe, is estimated as easily within one thousand dollars. This estimate, however, is not to be understood to represent the maximum cost if much rock cutting is needed, but is thought to be a liberal estimate, unless an unexpectedly large amount of ledge excavation be found necessary, an event not likely to happen. The computation is made upon a price of labor not exceeding one dollar and fifty cents per day. On the occasion of an interview between the Board and Mr. A. J. Foster, the gentleman expressed his entire willingness to coöperate with the town, by the construction of discharge pipes from the tannery building, in accordance with the directions in the survey, also the building and suitable trapping of two over-flow tanks at the head of the sewer, and in short, to assist as far as could reasonably be expected of him in forwarding the work. The plan and estimates were submitted to the board of selectmen in September, and a majority of the members being in favor of submitting a report of the expense, as well as a general plan of the work, to the town before taking any active measures, this report is accordingly presented.

In reviewing the work of the past year, the members of the Board feel, that although much remains to be ac-

complished, and our citizens are as yet not sufficiently aroused to the importance of a more thorough and systematic observance of the laws of health, still the prospect is, on the whole, very encouraging. It is a matter of congratulation that we, as a village and as a town, are and have been so free from diseases, which may be termed as pre-eminently *filth* diseases. Prominent among these may be mentioned diphtheria and typhoid fever. No two things in any community contribute to this freedom in so large a degree as, 1st, the establishment of a pure and abundant water supply, and 2d, an efficient system of drainage.

Our village needs—and in the near future—a water supply, outside and independent of any wells, or present source. It is a fact which will impress any one who will take ordinary pains to investigate the matter, that many of the wells in this village contain water which is unfit for drinking purposes. This condition is bound to become worse instead of better, unless a system of sewerage adequate to remove from our community its impure and unhealthy products, be devised; the saturation of the soil with the filth from the stable or sink-drain would be avoided, and the contamination of the well from which the supply of drinking water is drawn need no longer be feared. We need a system of sewers planned and devised for our use at no distant day. We require by the regulations to which we have referred, that every citizen shall shield himself and his neighbor from contaminating influences; not only does the present lack of any *proper* means of disposing of sewage render the accomplishment of this object very difficult, as well as a source of discomfort and danger, but any outlay, public or private, made for this purpose *now*, must necessarily be conducted without regard to any future plan for relieving our village from its waste and offensive products. Such outlay and expense therefor will be plainly thrown away, unless made in accordance with some general plan. Such a plan may not be put into form and working condition at once, but if adopted and its outline and design published, efforts to secure drainage could be made to con-

form with and depend upon the general and larger system of drainage, and thus contribute a step in the right direction, instead of being of little practical value, and, therefore, a disappointment and a loss.

It is earnestly hoped that the plan for relieving these two needs, already pressing and urgent in their character, will receive the attention of our citizens at an early date.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. W. HINDS, M. D.,
WM. M. KNOWLTON,
H. S. HUTCHINSON, M. D.
Board of Health.